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| " | H. Mills. | " | J. T. Whitehead. |

Councillor T. S. Clayton, died 28/8/57.

Councillor J. C. Cowling, died 19/5/57.

Councillor Mrs. E. M. Tiplady, appointed 29/6/57.

Councillor C. Moxon, appointed 12/10/57.

DIVISIONAL HEALTH ORGANISATION

Medical Officer of Health:

Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer:

RONALD G. SMITHSON, M.D., Ch.B. (Hons.), D.P.H.

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Part-time Medical Officers at Clinics:

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CONSULTANTS AND SPECIALISTS WORKING IN DIVISION:

Ear, Nose and Throat:

R. THOMAS, B.A., B.M., B.Ch. (Oxon), D.L.O.

Eye:

L. WITTELS, M.D., D.O. (Oxon).

Orthopaedic:

P. YEOMAN, M.A., M.B., D.C.H.

Paediatric:

L. J. PROSSER, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H.

Tuberculosis:

G. F. EDWARDS, M.B.E., M.B., M.R.C.P.
V. RYAN, M.D., D.P.H.
S. P. WILSON, M.D., D.P.H.

Dental Officers:

Miss R. SCLARE, L.D.S. (Orthodontic Specialist).
D. B. OWEN, L.D.S.
J A. HATTON, L.D.S.

NURSING STAFF:**Health Visitors/School Nurses:**

Miss G. E. Brigham, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.
Miss I. V. Brigham, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (Queen's).
Miss J. W. Brigham, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.
Miss H. E. M. Button, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.
(Commenced 2nd September, 1957).
Miss D. Colbeck, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (Queen's).
Mrs. E. Marsden, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.
Miss C. Swift, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.
Mrs. J. M. Kane, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.

Tuberculosis Visitor:

Mrs. E. M. Askam, S.R.N., C.M.B., H.V.Cert. (Queen's).

Assistant Health Visitor/School Nurse:

Mrs. E. W. Clark, S.R.N.

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Miss E. E. Basher, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Queen's).
Mrs. L. M. Curry, S.R.N., C.M.B.
Miss V. E. M. Finbow, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Queen's).
Miss C. A. Fox, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Queen's).
Miss E. C. Hodgson, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Queen's).
Miss E. Ingleby, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Queen's).
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Mrs. A. M. Linins, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Queen's).
Miss M. F. Miles, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Commenced 1st February, 1957).
Miss M. Murphy, S.E.A.N., C.M.B.
Miss W. E. Payne, S.E.A.N., C.M.B. (Resigned 30th April, 1957).
Miss M. Phillips, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Commenced 21st January, 1957).
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Miss F. L. Smith, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Queen's).
Miss E. T. Webb, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Queen's).

Physiotherapist:

Vacant.

V.D. Social Worker:

Mrs. Doidge-Harrison.

Mental Health:

Miss C. M. Glover (Social Worker). (Resigned 31st July, 1957).
Mrs. M. Mawson (Home Teacher).

Speech Therapist:

Miss M. P. DUNKLEY, L.C.S.T.

Dental Attendant:

Miss J. Penn.

CLERICAL STAFF:

Senior Clerk: F. H. Attack.

Miss S. Graham.

Miss B. Bridges (Commenced 1st January, 1957).

Miss E. Honeyman.

Mrs. E. M. Naylor.

Mrs. E. E. Westerman.

AMBULANCE SERVICE:

Depot Officer: T. G. Woodhouse.

PERSONNEL DETAILS

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S OFFICE

Chief Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent:

ERNEST WITHEFORD, R.S.I. and S.I.Exam. Joint Board.
R.S.I. Meat and Food Inspector's Cert.

Deputy Chief Inspector:

GEORGE ROEBUCK, R.S.I. and S.I.Exam. Joint Board.
R.S.I. Meat and Food Inspector's Cert.
Testamur of the Institute of Public Cleansing.
R.S.I. Smoke Inspector's Cert.
R.S.I. Cert. in Sanitary Science as applied to
Public Works and Buildings.

Additional Inspector:

ALWYNE FIRTH, R.S.I. and S.I.Exam. Joint Board.
R.S.I. Meat and Food Inspector's Cert.

Clerical Staff:

DAVID G. DAY, Junior Assistant and Clerk
(Resigned 4th December, 1957).
E. P. TONGE, Junior Assistant and Clerk
(Resigned 3rd May, 1957).

Wetherby House,

WETHERBY.

July, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Tadcaster Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The most noteworthy points for comment in the Vital Statistics for 1957 are the high rate of Infant Mortality and the increase of deaths from Cancer. It is noteworthy that there were 10 deaths from Cancer of the lung. It is perhaps significant that 9 of these deaths were in men and only 1 in a woman.

The Rural District suffered loss of territory to the City of Leeds on the one hand and to the City of York on the other, and this accounts for the reduction of population figures given in the body of the report.

The differential rent scheme introduced by the Council in the previous year was the subject of much criticism in one part of the District. It seems that the scheme appears to have been accepted as reasonable and fair throughout the greater part of the area. For my part I should like to see any surpluses devoted to the lowering of the rents of the less wealthy members of the community if at all possible.

In the field of Sanitary Hygiene your Council can congratulate itself on starting to improve the water supply to Tadcaster during the year. Together with the continued good results of the Hook Moor scheme, the Council must be very gratified that the water supply in much of its area is now beyond reproach.

The discussions with neighbouring Authorities with a view to the establishment of a crematorium to serve the Western part of the District do not appear likely to come to fruition just yet owing to the financial implications, but at any rate it is an indication that your Authority is well aware of the need to consider up-to-date methods of disposal of the dead.

Circular F.S.H./2/57 provides an opportunity for Authorities undertaking Meat Inspection for the benefit of other Districts to receive some recompense for the cost of such a service, and it is perhaps not surprising that your Authority's claim was found to be of the order of four figures for the year.

Time brings its own changes, and it is proper that I should refer to the passing of two Members of the Health Committee in the persons of Mr. Cowling and Mr. Clayton. Both gentlemen exerted themselves in public service and we would pay respect to their memories.

Similarly, we lost the services of Nurse Payne from the Sherburn-in-Elmet District through transfer to another part of the West Riding at her own request, and those who have known of Nurse Payne's work in that area, especially in the field of midwifery, would be the first to regret her departure.

In the course of the past year my Staff and I have had much assistance from yourself and the Members of your Council and from the Officers and Staffs of other Departments in the Council Offices. We are grateful for this assistance and take our annual opportunity of expressing our gratitude.

I am, Mr. Chairman,
Your Obedient Servant,
RONALD G. SMITHSON,
Medical Officer of Health.

PART I. REPORT AS MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1. GENERAL STATISTICS

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Area in Acres | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 72,987 |
| Population, 1951 Census | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26,951 |
| Population, Registrar-General's Estimate, Mid-1957 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26,760 |
| Number of Inhabited Houses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8,342 |
| Rateable Value, 31-3-58 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £245,231 |
| Product of 1d. Rate, 31-3-58 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £976 |
| District Council General Rate, 1957/58 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4/- |
| County Council General Rate, 1957/58 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10/4 |

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

| | Male | Female | Total |
|---|------|--------|-------|
| Live Births: Legitimate | 218 | 202 | 420 |
| Illegitimate | 10 | 8 | 18 |
| Totals | 228 | 210 | 438 |
| Birth Rate per thousand population | | | 16.4 |
| Stillbirths, 10. Rate per thousand total births | | | 22.3 |
| Illegitimate live births represent 4.1 per cent. of total births. | | | |
| Total Deaths from all causes, 290. | | | |
| Crude Death Rate per thousand population | | | 10.8 |
| Standardised Death Rate per thousand population | | | 12.0 |
| Number of women dying in or in consequence of childbirth was | | | Nil |
| Deaths of infants under one year:— | | | |
| All infants per thousand live births | | | 34.2 |
| Legitimate infants per thousand legitimate live births (15) | | | 34.2 |
| Deaths from Cancer (all ages) | | | 42 |
| Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis (all ages) | | | 0 |
| Deaths from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis (all ages) | | | 0 |
| Deaths from Measles (all ages) | | | 0 |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough | | | 0 |
| Deaths from Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea (all ages) ... | | | 0 |

TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT

COMPARABLE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1957

Based on Registrar-General's Figures

| | Tadcaster Rural District | Aggregate West Riding Rural Districts | West Riding Admin. County | England & Wales (Provi- sional figures) |
|--|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| BIRTH RATE | | | | |
| (Per 1,000 estimated population) ... | 16.4 | 17.9 | 16.6 | 16.1 |
| DEATH RATES | | | | |
| (All per 1,000 estimated population) | | | | |
| All Causes | 10.8 | 9.7 | 11.7 | 11.5 |
| Infective and Para. Dis. excl. Tub. but incl. Syphilis and other V.D. | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.07 | * |
| Tuberculosis, Respiratory | — | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.09 |
| Tuberculosis, Other | — | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Cancer | 1.57 | 1.58 | 1.87 | 2.09 |
| Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System | 1.76 | 1.45 | 1.95 | * |
| Heart and Circulatory | 4.37 | 3.49 | 4.30 | * |
| Respiratory Diseases | 1.01 | 1.12 | 1.37 | * |
| Maternal Mortality | | | | |
| (Deaths of mothers in childbirth per 1,000 live and stillbirths) ... | Nil | 0.72 | 0.51 | 0.47 |
| Infant Mortality | 34.2 | 28.80 | 26.4 | 23.00 |

* Figures not available.

COMPARABLE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT FROM 1943 TO DATE

| Year (i) | Estimated Population at Mid-year (ii) | Natural Variation | | Live Births | | Deaths | | | Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) (x) |
|-------------|--|-------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--|---------------------------|---|
| | | Increase (iii) | Decrease (iv) | Total (v) | Rate per 1,000 Population (vi) | Total (vii) | Rate per 1,000 Population (viii) | Under One Year (ix) | |
| 1943 | 20,530 | 107 | — | 391 | 16.60 | 284 | 12.00 | 12 | 30.60 |
| 1944 | 22,610 | 158 | — | 432 | 19.10 | 274 | 12.10 | 20 | 46.10 |
| 1945 | 22,510 | 160 | — | 455 | 20.20 | 295 | 13.10 | 23 | 50.50 |
| 1946 | 20,060 | 150 | — | 455 | 18.90 | 305 | 12.70 | 16 | 35.00 |
| 1947 | 24,550 | 206 | — | 488 | 19.90 | 282 | 11.50 | 21 | 43.00 |
| 1948 | 25,260 | 187 | — | 424 | 16.78 | 237 | 9.38 | 12 | 28.00 |
| 1949 | 25,530 | 123 | — | 411 | 16.10 | 288 | 11.28 | 10 | 24.30 |
| 1950 | 26,850 | 135 | — | 407 | 15.16 | 272 | 10.13 | 10 | 24.57 |
| 1951 | 26,980 | 101 | — | 372 | 13.80 | 271 | 10.00 | 7 | 18.80 |
| 1952 | 26,980 | 85 | — | 366 | 13.60 | 281 | 10.40 | 8 | 21.90 |
| 1953 | 26,880 | 124 | — | 418 | 15.60 | 294 | 10.90 | 14 | 33.50 |
| 1954 | 27,680 | 128 | — | 384 | 13.90 | 256 | 9.20 | 15 | 39.10 |
| 1955 | 27,750 | 161 | — | 406 | 14.60 | 245 | 8.80 | 7 | 17.20 |
| 1956 | 28,110 | 169 | — | 430 | 15.30 | 261 | 9.30 | 8 | 18.60 |
| 1957 | 26,760 | 148 | — | 438 | 16.40 | 290 | 10.80 | 15 | 34.20 |

CAUSES OF CIVILIAN DEATHS

Registrar-General's Abridged List of Causes of Deaths in the District during 1957

| | Cause | Number | | |
|--------------|--|--------|--------|-------|
| | | Male | Female | Total |
| 1. | Tuberculosis (Respiratory) | — | — | — |
| 2. | Tuberculosis (Other) | — | — | — |
| 3. | Syphilitic Disease | — | — | — |
| 4. | Diphtheria | — | — | — |
| 5. | Whooping Cough | — | — | — |
| 6. | Meningococcal Infections | — | — | — |
| 7. | Acute Poliomyelitis | — | — | — |
| 8. | Measles | — | — | — |
| 9. | Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases | — | 2 | 2 |
| 10. | Malignant Neoplasm (Stomach) | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| 11. | Malignant Neoplasm (Lung Bronchus) | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| 12. | Malignant Neoplasm (Breast) | — | 3 | 3 |
| 13. | Malignant Neoplasm (Uterus) | — | 1 | 1 |
| 14. | Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms | 11 | 7 | 18 |
| 15. | Leukaemia (Aleukaemia) | — | 1 | 1 |
| 16. | Diabetes | — | 2 | 2 |
| 17. | Vascular Lesions of Nervous System | 22 | 25 | 47 |
| 18. | Coronary Disease, Angina | 27 | 24 | 51 |
| 19. | Hypertension with Heart Disease | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 20. | Other Heart Disease | 23 | 23 | 46 |
| 21. | Other Circulatory Disease | 7 | 10 | 17 |
| 22. | Influenza | 6 | — | 6 |
| 23. | Pneumonia | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| 24. | Bronchitis | 9 | 2 | 11 |
| 25. | Other Diseases of Respiratory System | 1 | — | 1 |
| 26. | Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum | 8 | — | 8 |
| 27. | Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea | — | — | — |
| 28. | Nephritis and Nephrosis | 1 | — | 1 |
| 29. | Hyperplasia of Prostate | 4 | — | 4 |
| 30. | Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion | — | — | — |
| 31. | Congenital Malformations | 1 | — | 1 |
| 32. | Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases | 12 | 16 | 28 |
| 33. | Motor Vehicle Accidents | 2 | — | 2 |
| 34. | All Other Accidents | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 35. | Suicide | 2 | — | 2 |
| 36. | Homicide and Operations of War | — | — | — |
| Total | | 162 | 128 | 290 |

From the Registrar-General's list of causes of death in the District during 1957 it will be seen that the most frequent causes of death, the number of deaths so registered and the corresponding death rates per thousand population were:—

1. Heart and Circulatory ... 117 deaths equivalent to a death rate of 4.37
2. Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions 47 deaths equivalent to a death rate of 1.76
3. Cancer 42 deaths equivalent to a death rate of 1.57
4. Bronchitis 11 deaths equivalent to a death rate of 0.41
5. Pneumonia 9 deaths equivalent to a death rate of 0.33

In view of the nation-wide discussion on the subject, it will be noted with interest that there were 10 deaths from Cancer of the Lung during 1957. 9 of these deaths occurred in men and only 1 in the opposite sex.

The figure for Coronary disease remained high, but the number of deaths by suicide was diminished.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Reference should be made to the Chief Public Health Inspector's Report for details, but the following comments arise as a result of the year's experience.

Housing

The Council continued to erect houses, mainly for slum clearance purposes. Unfortunately, the slum clearance problem in the township of Tadcaster itself was dealt with only to a limited extent through casual vacancies. The re-housing from slum dwellings in the combined Parishes of East and West Tadcaster awaits the implementation of the scheme for improved sewerage and sewage disposal for the town. This scheme is still on the drawing board, but I am sure that it is the Council's earnest wish to see construction started as quickly as possible.

Applications for Improvement Grants received consideration regularly and much good work is being done throughout the District as a result of this incentive.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal, and Water Supply

Once again it is a pleasure to offer the hospitality on these pages to my colleague, Mr. Arthur Wellings, the Council's Engineer and Surveyor, for his comments on the activities of the Works Management Committee during 1957. Mr. Wellings has supplied me with the following brief report.

"Once again limitation on capital expenditure handicapped progress in the Council's schemes so that little advancement has been made.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

- (a) The Tender for the Bishopthorpe and Copmanthorpe scheme was approved by the Minister and it is anticipated that a start will be made about the middle of 1958.
- (b) Little further progress has been made with the Appleton Roebuck, Bolton Percy, and Ulleskelf scheme, which is awaiting a decision by the Air Ministry.
- (c) The Tadcaster scheme is now expected to go to Tender in 1958.

- (d) No further progress has been made with several small schemes, although owing to the development of the water supply, provision of baths, W.C.'s, etc., in the villages concerned it is desirable that immediately the restriction on capital expenditure is removed work should proceed.

Water

The Leeds-Tadcaster water scheme was completed in May, 1957, with the exception of the reservoir, which has still not been approved, and considerable improvement made in pressures to the higher parts of the area, together with an extension to isolated properties previously too high to be served by the Tadcaster bore hole, which is now maintained as an emergency standby plant.

Small rural mains extensions have been laid down in the parishes of Bilbrough, Newton Kyme, and South Milford.

The Askham Richard borehole supply was discontinued and the village mains connected to the York supply mains.

After consultation with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government the scheme to augment the supply to the Kippax area has been amended to include new storage reservoirs and has also been linked with a necessary augmentation of the Garforth Urban District Council supply and still awaits Ministry approval."

Public Conveniences

The Council have erected public conveniences in 4 Parishes in the District and it would have been pleasant to have been able to report that this work had produced good results. Takings at two of the conveniences, however, are so small as to make one wonder whether installation of the conveniences was justified, and coupled with the repeated reports of wilful damage, one hopes that the conveniences will not, in the long run, prove to be more of a liability than an asset.

Air Pollution

The Public Health Committee considered the Clean Air Act of 1956 and decided that the time was not yet ripe for action to be taken in the rural district to lessen the amount of air pollution because it is felt that much of it is derived from neighbouring industrial areas. The Authorities responsible for those areas will, no doubt, be taking action under the Act, and when our "inherited" pollution has diminished there will be some encouragement for your Council to take action.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:—

| Disease | Total | Cases sent to | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------|
| | | Hospital | Deaths |
| Scarlet Fever | 11 | 1 | — |
| Whooping Cough | 48 | 1 | — |
| Poliomyelitis | 2 (not confirmed) | 2 | — |
| Measles | 270 | — | — |
| Acute Pneumonia | 25 | 8 | 1 |
| Erysipelas | 5 | — | — |
| Food Poisoning | 2 | — | — |
| Dysentery | 4 | 1 | — |
| Typhoid Fever | — | — | — |
| Meningococcal Infection ... | 1 | 1 | — |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | 2 | — | — |

COMMENTS:

As the above figures show the outstanding incidence of Infectious Disease was in relationship to Measles, which paid its periodic visit. The number of cases reported did not, in fact, reach the level of previous epidemics.

TUBERCULOSIS

The following figures show the state of the register at 31/12/57:—

| Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | | Total |
|-----------|----|---------------|----|-------|
| M. | F. | M. | F. | |
| 47 | 39 | 10 | 7 | 103 |

This is a nett decrease of 6 cases over the figures at 31/12/56.

CIVILIAN TUBERCULOSIS

Analysis of new notifications and deaths from Tuberculosis during year:—

| Age | New Cases | | | | Deaths | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----|---------------|----|-----------|----|---------------|----|
| | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| 0-1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 1-5 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 5-15 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 15-25 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 25-35 | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 35-45 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| 45-55 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 55-65 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 65 and over | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Service Cases: | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 35 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 43 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |

**Report as
Divisional Medical Officer
for 1957**

CLINIC ARRANGEMENTS IN DIVISION No. 9 (Tadcaster and Wetherby Rural Districts)

Abbreviations: A.N.—Ante-Natal, I.W.—Infant Welfare, E.N.T.—Ear, Nose and Throat, T.B.—Tuberculosis.

| TOWNSHIP | LOCATION | PURPOSE | DAY AND TIME |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| MEDICAL OFFICERS' CLINICS (Static) | | | |
| Barwick-in-Elmet | Methodist Schoolroom | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Tuesdays, 1-30 p.m. |
| Boston Spa | West End Nursery School. | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Wednesdays, 1-30 p.m. |
| Church Fenton | Methodist Sunday School. | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Thursdays, 1-30 p.m. |
| Church Fenton R.A.F. | R.A.F. Station. | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Mondays, 1-30 p.m. |
| East Keswick | Methodist Schoolroom | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Tuesdays, 1-30 p.m. |
| Micklefield | Methodist Chapel. | (Relaxation) | Alternate Tuesdays, 2 p.m. |
| Sherburn-in-Elmet | Methodist Sunday School. | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Tuesdays, 1-30 p.m. |
| Swillington | Wakefield Road (Hut nr. Church). | (A.N./I.W.) | Every Thursday, 1-30 p.m. |
| | | (Relaxation) | Every Monday, 2-0 p.m. |
| | | (A.N.) | Alternate Fridays, 1-30 p.m. |
| | | (Relaxation) | Alternate Fridays, 1-30 p.m. (with A.N.). |
| Tadcaster | Multiple Clinic, Leeds Road. | (I.W.) | Alternate Tuesdays, 1-30 p.m. |
| | | (Speech Therapy.) | Every Thursday, 9-30 a.m. |
| | | (Ultra Violet Light.) | Every Monday and Thursday, 9-30 a.m. (Winter months only). |
| Tockwith | Methodist Sunday School. | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Mondays, 1-30 p.m. |
| | | (A.N.) | Alternate Wednesdays, 1-30 p.m. |
| | | (Relaxation) | Alternate Wednesdays, 1-30 p.m. (with A.N.). |
| Wetherby | Crossley Street. | (I.W.) | Every Thursday, 1-30 p.m. |
| | | (Speech Therapy.) | Every Tuesday, 2 p.m. |
| MEDICAL OFFICERS' CLINICS (Mobile) | | | |
| Aberford | St. John's Estate | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Wednesdays, 11 a.m. |
| Appleton | Village Green | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Thursdays, 10 a.m. |
| Bramham. | Clifford Lane | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Fridays, 9-30 a.m. |
| Copmanthorpe | Lower Green | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Thursdays, 2 p.m. |
| Harewood | The Square | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Fridays, 11 a.m. |
| Huby | Village Institute | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Fridays, 1-30 p.m. |
| Ledston | Village Institute | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Wednesdays, 0-30 a.m. |
| Scholes. | Stanks Lane | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Wednesdays, 1-30 p.m. |
| Sicklinghall | Bottom Pond | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Fridays, 3 p.m. |
| Thornor | Village Institute | A.N./I.W. | Alternate Wednesdays, 3 p.m. |
| CONSULTATIVE CLINICS | | | |
| Tadcaster | Multiple Clinic, Leeds Road. | (T.B.) | 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, 10 a.m. |
| | | (Ophthalmic) | Every alternate Friday, 9-30 a.m. |
| | | (E.N.T.) | Every 4th Tuesday, 9-30 a.m. |
| | | (Paediatric.) | 2nd Wednesday each month, 2 p.m. |
| | | (Orthopaedic) | 1st Thursday each month, 1-30 p.m. |
| Wetherby | Crossley Street. | Ophthalmic. | Every alternate Friday, 1-30 p.m. |

PART II. REPORT AS DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER

Members of the Rural District Council are aware that the Medical Officer of Health serves the County Council as the Divisional Medical Officer for the area of the Rural District. In that capacity the Divisional Medical Officer is responsible for the services detailed in this part of the Report. It has been customary to include an account of the Divisional Medical Officer's work in this Report for the information of the Members of the Council.

The item of prime engrossment in 1957 continued to be the scheme of vaccination against Poliomyelitis. Efforts were made to implement the scheme without detriment to the rest of the work of the Department, and the success of our endeavour can be judged by the figures of work performed as compared with the previous year.

The Divisional Health Office is responsible for the direction of the Domiciliary Nursing Services in the area and works in close contact with private practitioners and hospitals serving the area.

The visits paid to our Multiple Clinic in Tadcaster by Consultant Physicians and Surgeons does in some small measure help ready contact to be made by patients living in the area with experts in the respective fields.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE

The overall plan for School Medical inspections in the area is still based on four examinations at 5, 8, 11 and 14 years of age, during the child's school life. The total number of such examinations in 1957 was 2,497 and 1,127 defects from previous examinations were re-inspected. Heads of Schools requested 44 special examinations.

As a result of this work 140 children were found to have 450 defects requiring treatment and of the total number of examinations 1,230 defects were noted for further observation at subsequent examinations. 0.08% of the children seen were thought to be below average nutrition.

The School Nurses carried out 13,977 examinations for cleanliness of body and head, and as a result 162 children were found to have signs of infestation with lice. Very few of the infested children showed signs of heavy infestation, and cleansing was usually carried out with the co-operation of the parents speedily.

The Minor Ailment Clinics at Swillington, Tadcaster and Wetherby dealt with 113 cases during the course of the year.

The Dental Officers working in the Division report the following statistics in respect of their work :—

| | Total |
|--|-------|
| Number of children inspected | 4,554 |
| Number of children found to require treatment | 2,952 |
| Number of children offered treatment | 2,457 |
| Number of children treated | 1,481 |
| Number of attendances | 2,553 |
| Number of extractions : | |
| Temporary teeth | 1,145 |
| Permanent teeth | 175 |
| Number of general anaesthetics | 28 |
| Number of fillings : | |
| Temporary teeth | 134 |
| Permanent teeth | 1,697 |
| Number of other treatments : | |
| Temporary teeth | 34 |
| Permanent teeth | 209 |

The arrangements for Consultative Clinics continued to operate in the same way as last year with the following results :

Eye Clinic

508 children were examined, spectacles were prescribed in 231 cases and I understand spectacles were obtained in 223 cases.

Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic

33 children made 36 attendances at the Monthly Clinic and 8 were referred for operative treatment.

Orthopaedic Clinic

61 children attended the 7 sessions on 72 occasions, 12 were referred for treatment.

Paediatric Clinic

19 children made 52 attendances at 10 sessions.

In addition 15 children from this Division were seen at the special Cardiac Centre at Harrogate General Hospital.

Speech Therapy Clinic

37 children received treatment at 135 sessions.

Physically Handicapped Children

Our records show that the following numbers of children from this area are in attendance at Residential Schools.

| Type of School | Number |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Educationally Sub-normal | 9 |
| Blind | 4 |
| Maladjusted | — |
| Deaf | 8 |
| Delicate | 2 |
| Orthopaedic | 2 |
| Epileptic | 2 |

For the guidance of those who may be unaware of the fact, reference is again made to the opportunity afforded the parents of any handicapped children to ask the Education Authority to arrange special medical examinations to decide the need for special educational treatment for any physically or mentally handicapped children. This information is repeated here in order to offer an avenue of approach towards special assistance to parents of these unfortunate children.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

Clinic Facilities. As a result of the transfer of part of the Tadcaster District to Leeds on the 1st April, 1957, the visit of the Mobile Unit to the Swarcliffe Estate was discontinued early in April and the opportunity was taken of re-distributing the time the Unit is available here each fortnight. The Mobile Clinic stationed in East Keswick was replaced by a Static Clinic in the Methodist Schoolroom in the village and arrangements were made for the Mobile Unit to attend in Aberford, Harewood and Sicklinghall.

The permanent Clinics in the Division were attended by 852 children on 7,399 occasions. The same Clinics were attended by 115 expectant mothers on 298 occasions and 11 mothers attended for Post-Natal Examination. Relaxation Classes are now available to expectant mothers in Micklefield, Tadcaster, Swillington and Wetherby and 405 attendances were made during the year.

The Mobile Clinic was attended on 2,485 occasions for Infant Welfare purposes and 54 occasions by 15 expectant mothers.

Distribution of Welfare Foods. The arrangements for the sale of Welfare Foods throughout the area remained unchanged during the year, but the total amount of National Dried Milk supplied fell by almost one-third to 11,637 tins. It is noteworthy that the sale of National Dried Milk was reduced by 50% when the cost was increased. This does not indicate that babies are being deprived of dried milk so much as parents are choosing to have other brands of food, which now cost only a few pence more than the National Dried Milk. The sale of Orange Juice at 29,771 bottles and Cod Liver Oil at 3,697 bottles as well as Vitamin Tablets at 1,372 packets was very similar to the previous year.

Health Visiting. The amount of work carried out by the Health Visitors in the area is shown by the following figures:—

| Number of children under 5 years of age visited during year | Expectant Mothers | | Children under 1 year of age | | Children age 1 and under 2 years | Children age 2 but under 5 years | Tuber- culous House- hold | Other Cases |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|------------------------------------|----------------|
| | First Visit | Total Visits | First Visit | Total Visits | | | | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| 2,054 | 257 | 536 | 752 | 3,684 | 1,954 | 3,258 | 18 | 3,968 |

We were glad to welcome Miss H. E. M. Button to the Staff of Health Visitors. Miss Button takes charge of the Bramham, Clifford and Boston Spa area.

It will be noted that despite preoccupation with Poliomyelitis vaccination the amount of work performed by the Health Visitors is rather more than in 1956.

It should be known that the Health Visitors have overcome many professional difficulties in order to enable us to take Poliomyelitis vaccination into the most out of the way Parishes. Arranging intra muscular injections in aseptic conditions at numerous points during the course of a half-day session involves the nursing staff in a high degree of skill and the fact that we have not had any untoward incident brought to our notice is a testimony to the care with which they have carried out their work.

MATERNITY HOME ACCOMMODATION

It will be seen from the following table that the area was served by several hospitals on the periphery in very much the same way as in 1956. It is true that the Medical Officer of Health has had an invidious task in selecting patients for Maternity Hospital Bookings on sociological grounds, but it must be put on record that no cases occurred where hospital accommodation had to be refused on obstetrical or medical need.

| | 1st Half 1953 | 2nd Half 1953 | 1st Half 1954 | 2nd Half 1954 | 1st Half 1955 | 2nd Half 1955 | 1st Half 1956 | 2nd Half 1956 | 1st Half 1957 | 2nd Half 1957 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Hazlewood | 127 | 7 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| York Maternity Hospitals | 13 | 32 | 32 | 27 | 39 | 47 | 41 | 52 | 52 | 46 |
| Harrogate General Hospital | 41 | 71 | 57 | 59 | 69 | 60 | 72 | 54 | 88 | 67 |
| Wakefield Hospitals | — | 34 | 22 | 27 | 20 | 22 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 5 |
| Castleford | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 2 | 1 | — | 1 |
| Leeds Hospitals | 32 | 45 | 32 | 35 | 46 | 33 | 58 | 44 | 46 | 51 |
| Otley General Hospital ... | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | 1 | 4 | — | 1 | 1 |
| St. Winifred's, Ilkley ... | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Other Hospitals | — | — | — | — | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Private Nursing Homes ... | 33 | 39 | 51 | 43 | 37 | 42 | 43 | 41 | 23 | 18 |
| Home Confinements | 114 | 152 | 140 | 141 | 151 | 152 | 150 | 167 | 156 | 177 |

Domiciliary Midwifery

Miss Payne, from Sherburn-in-Elmet, found it necessary to transfer to another part of the West Riding for personal reasons, and we were fortunate to obtain the services of Miss Miles and Miss Phillips, who both work in the Wetherby Rural District.

Number of deliveries attended by Midwives in the area during the year—Domiciliary Cases

| | Doctor present at delivery | Doctor not booked Doctor not present at delivery | Doctor booked Doctor present at delivery | Doctor not booked Doctor not present at delivery | Totals |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|---|--------|
| Midwives employed by the Authority ... | 10 | 47 | 82 | 188 | 327 |
| Midwives in Private Practice (including Midwives employed in Nursing Home) | — | — | 6 | — | 6 |
| Total | 10 | 47 | 88 | 188 | 333 |

Number of cases delivered in Institutions but attended by domiciliary Midwives on discharge from Institutions before the fourteenth day ... 84

Breast Feeding

Number of domiciliary cases in which the infant was wholly breast fed at the fourteenth day ... (67%) 224

Statutory Notices received from Midwives

| | |
|---|----|
| 1. Stillbirths ... | 1 |
| 2. Substitution of Artificial Feeding ... | 51 |
| 3. Liability to be a source of infection ... | 1 |
| 4. Medical Aids issued because of complications arising in/during:— | |
| (a) Pregnancy ... | 3 |
| (b) Labour ... | 7 |
| (c) Lying In ... | 5 |
| (d) The Child ... | 1 |

Once again an increased number of mothers availed themselves of facilities for receiving Gas and Air Analgesia. 236 mothers were concerned and represents 70% of mothers having babies at home.

Pethidine was administered on 22 occasions under prescription by the Private Practitioner in charge of the case and similarly 11 cases received Trilene.

Home Nursing Service

14 Nurses were employed in the Division during the year and the following statistics serve as a summary of the work they carried out:—

| | Number of cases attended by Home Nurses during the year | Number of visits paid by Home Nurses during the year |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| (1) Medical | 799 | 16,261 |
| (2) Surgical | 322 | 5,850 |
| (3) Infectious Diseases | 3 | 12 |
| (4) Tuberculosis | 9 | 221 |
| (5) Maternal Complications ... | 11 | 83 |
| Totals | 1,144 | 22,427 |

Patients included in above who were aged 65 or over at the time of the first visit during the year 505 13,911

Children included in above who were under 5 years of age at the time of the first visit during the year 62 417

Patients included in above who have had more than 24 visits during the year 150 9,352

No less than 6,585 visits were made for the purpose of giving injections of modern therapeutic agents prescribed by Practitioners.

Home Help Service

The Home Help Service is designed to provide domestic help in the homes of the sick, the lying-in and the aged. Widespread use is made of the Service and on occasion, on account of failure to recruit women to carry out the service, the assistance given has had to be restricted.

As is to be expected, the bigger proportion of the time allocated goes to the care of the aged from year to year, and because of this sectional demand the County Council finds itself under the necessity of increasing establishment from time to time.

In this Division the following number of cases were given help during the year and the total amount of service so given amounted to 22,667 hours.

| | |
|---|-----|
| 1. Maternity (including expectant mothers) | 42 |
| 2. Tuberculosis | — |
| 3. Chronic Sick, 65+ | 78 |
| Chronic Sick, under 65 | 2 |
| 4. Others | 12 |
| | 134 |

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS—CARE AND AFTER CARE

(i) Tuberculosis

Mrs. Askam, the Tuberculosis Health Visitor, paid 1,649 visits during the year. The Chest Physicians tell me that 18 children known to be contacts of patients with Tuberculosis were vaccinated against the disease. The County Council's scheme for supplying extra nourishment in the form of daily free milk was used by 47 patients.

It was not possible to arrange for a visit by the Mass Radiography Unit during the year.

The scheme for offering vaccination against Tuberculosis to older school children continued under the same arrangements involving three visits to each Senior School in the year early in the School Term. 617 parents received invitations to give their consent for preliminary testing and vaccinating and 388 did, in fact, give their consent. 369 were tested; 161 showed previous evidence of infection and 195 needed vaccination. 13 children were not available when the tests were read, but all 195 negative re-actors were vaccinated.

Post-Vaccinal Tests were carried out one year after vaccination on 111 children and in 2 cases the children were found to be Mantoux negative.

(ii) Diphtheria Immunisation

The return submitted to the Ministry in respect of 1957 reads as follows:—

| Age at 31-12-57 i.e. Born in Year Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) | Under 1 1956 | 1-4 1955-1952 | 5-9 1951-1947 | 10-14 1946-1942 | Under 15 Total |
|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| A. 1953-1957 | 93 | 1,672 | 2,396 | 2,489 | 6,650 |
| B. 1952 or earlier | — | — | 798 | 1,254 | 2,052 |

The amount of immunisation against Diphtheria carried out by Practitioners and by the Department during 1957 is shown in the following Table:—

| | AGE AT FINAL INJECTION | | | |
|---|------------------------|-----|------|-------|
| | Under 1 | 1-4 | 5-14 | Total |
| 1. Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation (inc. temporary residents) | 92 | 385 | 109 | 586 |
| 2. Total number of children who were given a secondary or re-inforcing injection (i.e. subsequent to complete full course) | — | — | 475 | 475 |

As forecast in the 1956 Health Report Triple Antigen was introduced into the County scheme for immunisation against Diphtheria. This substance which produces immunity against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus, reduces the number of injections necessary to obtain protection against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough from 5 to 3, with the added advantage of the immunisation against Tetanus, and in a rural area, such as this, the advantage of protection against Tetanus in children is readily appreciated.

(iii) Whooping Cough Vaccination

Records show that 382 children were vaccinated against Whooping Cough in 1957 and that a total of 2,224 children have been so vaccinated since the County Council's scheme started. During the year two cases of Whooping Cough were reported in children previously vaccinated against the disease.

(iv) Vaccination Against Smallpox

The following number of persons were vaccinated against Smallpox :—

| Age at Date of Vaccination | Under 1 | 1 | 2 to 4 | 5 to 14 | 15 or over | Total |
|----------------------------|---------|-----|--------|---------|------------|-------|
| Number vaccinated ... | 231 | 156 | 30 | 17 | 26 | 460 |
| Number Re-vaccinated | — | — | 2 | 15 | 62 | 79 |

These figures represent approximately 25% of children under the age of 2 years being vaccinated against Smallpox.

(v) Vaccination Against Poliomyelitis

The scheme for vaccination against Poliomyelitis started in 1956 and continued during 1957. During the earlier part of the year the offer remained open to parents of children born between 1947/1954 inclusive to register. In the Autumn of the year the scheme was extended so that children born between 1943/1957 inclusive, together with Expectant Mothers, Hospital Staffs specially exposed to Poliomyelitis, Doctors and their families and Ambulance Staffs and their families could be registered. Unfortunately, the supply of vaccine fell far short of expectations, which resulted in much time being wasted in making preparations for its use. This resulted in many children being given first injections and then having to wait much longer than anticipated for the second dose, as well as registered people not being able to receive the injections they were most anxious to have.

In summary, however, one did find that all persons concerned, like parents, Heads of Schools, private Practitioners and members of the public generally, were reasonable in their acceptance of what was indeed an unfortunate state of affairs.

At the end of the year we found that 1,717 persons had received two injections; 277 had received one injection, and the number registered awaiting injections was 2,414. We calculate from these figures that rather less than 40% of the people who could have requested Poliomyelitis vaccination under the scheme, as it stood at the end of 1957, had done so.

Mental Health Social Work

Miss Glover, the Mental Health Social Worker, left the service of the West Riding County Council in August to be married and we wish her well in the future.

Mrs. Mawson, who is responsible for Occupational Therapy amongst the mentally handicapped here, assisted in continuing Miss Glover's work, pending the appointment of a successor.

The work in the Mental Health section can be divided into that accruing under the Mental Deficiency Acts and that coming to our notice as care and after care for patients discharged from Mental Hospitals.

There are 75 cases in the area requiring supervision under the Mental Deficiency Acts, 16 having requested visits from the Mental Health Social Worker on a voluntary basis. 31 of the 75 known cases are in employment; 10 are occupied at home; 9 attend occupational centres situated outside the Divisional Area; 9 receive regular home teaching and 5 attend a Group Training Class held twice weekly in Tadcaster. Of the total number of cases known it is considered that 10 require provision not yet made available to them.

Welfare of the Aged

The organisation for the care of the aged in the Division suffered two losses during the year. In the first place Mr. Cowling, the Chairman of the Executive Committee for Tadcaster, died suddenly and the Tadcaster Committee thereby lost the highly esteemed services of one who was intensely interested in the welfare of the aged in the District. In the Wetherby area Mrs. T. O. Tetley ceased to be the Chairman of the Wetherby Executive Committee, and it is necessary to express to her whole-hearted thanks for the service she rendered in that capacity.

We were glad that Mr. Parsons was prepared to accept the chairmanship of the Tadcaster Committee, adding the duties it will bring to an already full life of public activities. To Mrs. Jackson, who became the Chairman of the Wetherby Executive Committee, we extend a welcome and express the hope that she will enjoy this expedition into public service in a wider sphere.

The Divisional Medical Officer continues to have the privilege of being Secretary of the Wetherby Rural District Old Folks' Welfare Executive Committee and also enjoys membership of the similar Committee for the Tadcaster area. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Yorkshire Council for the Care of the Aged.

Plans were being made to hold a peripheral exhibition of handicraft leading to a County Exhibition in Leeds in the middle of the year, but when petrol rationing made it appear necessary, the arrangements were cancelled.

The arrangements for parties to spend holidays at various seaside resorts at advantageous prices were used more than previously, and from commendatory remarks made afterwards by those who had taken advantage of the holiday, it does appear that succeeding years will see large numbers involved.

The Darby and Joan Clubs activities are held in no less than 17 different Parishes in the Division, and from unsolicited remarks heard throughout the course of the year, it does appear that a valuable contribution is made by them to the happiness of the old folk of the area.

Two new forms of activity took place during the year. In Tadcaster a Carol Service was held in the High Street Methodist Church and was attended by parties of old people from all over the District. In the Wetherby District an Inter-Club Whist and Domino Competition provided a most interesting afternoon for all concerned.

Care of Children Neglected or Ill-treated in their Own Homes

The Committee of Officers interested in the welfare of children neglected or ill-treated continues to meet in Tadcaster at two-monthly intervals. This Committee concerns itself in the main with the problem families of the area and, as will be readily understood, it does appear on occasions that progress in bringing about any sort of improvement is very slow indeed. The long-term result, however, seems to make the work worthwhile, and it does appear to be the general view that much good results from periodic meetings to discuss problems of interest to various welfare agencies.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the Year 1957

Council Offices, TADCASTER.

To: The Rural District Council of Tadcaster,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again it is my privilege to submit to you the Annual Report of the work of your Sanitary Department for the year ending the 31st December, 1957.

I have previously described your district as a typical well-balanced rural unit, particularly in respect of its size, population and rateable value. I am sure that description still applies in spite of the transfer of approx. 2,846 acres in the parishes of Austhorpe, Barwick-in-Elmet and Askham Bryan to the Cities of Leeds and York which took place on the 1st April, 1957. The district is now the seventh largest in acreage in the County of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Geographically, the district is on the eastern side of the county, being situate in lower Wharfedale. The boundaries of the district are contiguous with those of the Cities of Leeds and York; the Borough of Castleford; the Urban Districts of Garforth and Rothwell; and the Rural Districts of Wetherby, Nidderdale, Derwent, Selby and Osgoldcross. The administrative centre of the District is at Tadcaster, the present modern offices being opened in 1937.

The industry in the district is varied with agriculture being predominant. In the town of Tadcaster itself there is an old but extensive brewing industry. As part of the district lies in the Yorkshire coal field, several villages on the western side of the district are almost exclusively engaged in the mining of coal. There are other industries such as the manufacture of weighing machines and gas works plant; a large bacon factory, and considerably large railway sidings and junction activity. Several other large establishments come under the control of the responsible departments of the Crown.

The highest point in the district is 400 feet o.d. at Thorner Lane, Whinmoor, and the lowest, —24 feet o.d. is near Biggin. Two major trunk roads pass through the district. The A.1 (Great North Road) and the A.64 (Leeds, Tadcaster, York and Scarborough Road).

Details of the work of the Department will be found in the appended report.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the support and assistance given by the Chairman, Members and Officials of your Council.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your Obedient Servant,
ERNEST WITHEFORD, Chief Public Health Inspector.

TABLE I

This Table given below indicates in Parish order, several of the main details relating to the Sanitary circumstances of the district, as follows:—

| | Area Acres | Census 1951 | No. of Dwell- ings | R.V. £ | Houses with Piped Water | Sewage Disposal |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Aberford | 1580 | 710 | 259 | 7590 | 244 | Yes |
| Acaster Malbis | 1874 | 959 | 68 | 1789 | 52 | No |
| Acaster Selby | 1542 | 75 | 17 | 802 | 14 | No |
| Appleton Roebuck | 2914 | 403 | 128 | 3099 | 114 | Yes |
| Askham Bryan | 2005 | 419 | 127 | 6313 | 112 | Yes |
| Askham Richard | 982 | 213 | 44 | 1273 | 35 | No |
| Austhorpe | 302 | 314 | 32 | 1210 | 32 | No |
| Barkston Ash | 1168 | 234 | 81 | 1679 | 81 | Yes |
| Barwick-in-Elmet | 4780 | 2908 | 945 | 22840 | 873 | Yes |
| Biggin | 718 | 123 | 29 | 361 | 16 | No |
| Bilbrough | 1447 | 188 | 57 | 1654 | 50 | Yes |
| Bishopthorpe | 705 | 1182 | 451 | 12828 | 449 | Yes |
| Bolton Percy | 2334 | 241 | 76 | 1310 | 74 | No |
| Catterton | 742 | 44 | 8 | 133 | 8 | No |
| Colton | 1208 | 151 | 41 | 922 | 35 | Yes |
| Copmanthorpe | 1658 | 736 | 280 | 6404 | 280 | Yes |
| East Tadcaster | 578 | 2018 | 688 | 13501 | 688 | Yes |
| Great and Little Preston ... | 1039 | 1197 | 270 | 6384 | 270 | Yes |
| Grimston | 888 | 47 | 17 | 622 | 10 | No |
| Healaugh | 2771 | 214 | 72 | 1376 | 72 | No |
| Huddleston-with-Newthorpe .. | 1572 | 108 | 28 | 835 | 26 | No |
| Kirk Fenton | 1977 | 642 | 220 | 6292 | 213 | Yes |
| Kirkby Wharfe | 1239 | 110 | 33 | 661 | 27 | No |
| Lead | 1057 | 34 | 9 | 134 | 1 | No |
| Little Fenton | 781 | 89 | 22 | 328 | 20 | No |
| Ledsham | 1971 | 236 | 78 | 2185 | 67 | Part |
| Ledston | 1985 | 412 | 109 | 5166 | 100 | Yes |
| Lotherton-cum-Aberford ... | 1093 | 302 | 91 | 1473 | 89 | Yes |
| Micklefield | 1777 | 1693 | 594 | 10092 | 592 | Yes |
| Newton Kyme | 1373 | 158 | 75 | 3501 | 61 | Part |
| Oxton | 660 | 48 | 12 | 586 | 10 | No |
| Parlington | 1773 | 164 | 53 | 658 | 48 | Yes |
| Ryther-cum-Ozendyke | 2707 | 249 | 87 | 4342 | 64 | Part |
| Saxton-cum-Scarthingwell ... | 2720 | 299 | 90 | 1654 | 77 | Yes |
| Sherburn-in-Elmet | 4859 | 2686 | 879 | 26438 | 863 | Yes |
| South Milford | 3100 | 1160 | 376 | 7630 | 339 | Yes |
| Steeton | 1142 | 38 | 14 | 531 | 12 | No |
| Sturton Grange | 877 | 88 | 9 | 170 | 6 | No |
| Stutton-cum-Hazlewood ... | 2795 | 483 | 130 | 1989 | 91 | Part |
| Swillington | 2585 | 2027 | 735 | 19082 | 729 | Yes |
| Towton | 887 | 134 | 36 | 658 | 36 | Yes |
| Ulleskelf | 1322 | 1031 | 231 | 27297 | 217 | Yes |
| West Tadcaster | 1500 | 2384 | 741 | 30561 | 741 | Yes |
| | 72987 | 26951 | 8342 | 244353 | 7938 | |
| Gas Board ... | | | | | 878 | |
| | | | | | 245231 | |

All the above parishes receive the Refuse Collection Service.

NEW HOUSING PROGRESS—1957

Table 1 (Housing Statistics) given below, shows in Parish order the new housing construction including that done by private enterprise as well as Council building. Including the adaptations a total of 200 additional dwellings were provided during the year, a figure which is nearly double that of 1956, as both private and Council construction show substantial increases on the previous year.

Mr. E. D. Tetlow, the Council's Housing Manager, informs me that at the end of the year the total number of properties controlled by the Council was 2,233, and the estimated number of applicants for tenancy of Council houses was 920.

| Parish | New Houses Completed | | New Houses under Construction | | Conversions and Adaptations |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| | Council | Private | Council | Private | |
| Aberford | 12 | 2 | — | — | — |
| Appleton Roebuck ... | — | 1 | — | 2 | — |
| Askham Bryan ... | — | 2 | — | 2 | 1 |
| Austhorpe | — | 1 | — | — | — |
| Barwick-in-Elmet ... | — | 12 | — | 9 | — |
| Bilbrough | — | 1 | — | 2 | — |
| Bishopthorpe | — | 12 | — | 4 | — |
| Copmanthorpe | — | 10 | — | 4 | — |
| East Tadcaster ... | 58 | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| Great & Little Preston | — | 3 | — | 11 | — |
| Healaugh | — | 3 | — | — | — |
| Kirk Fenton | — | 1 | — | 2 | — |
| Little Fenton | — | 1 | — | — | — |
| Micklefield | — | 3 | — | 3 | — |
| Ledsham | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Newton Kyme | — | 20 | — | — | 1 |
| Saxton-cum- Scarthingwell | — | 4 | — | — | — |
| Sherburn-in-Elmet ... | — | 15 | — | 3 | — |
| South Milford | — | 1 | — | 2 | — |
| Steeton | — | 2 | — | 1 | — |
| Swillington | — | 20 | — | 3 | — |
| West Tadcaster ... | — | 11 | — | — | 1 |
| | <hr/> 70 | <hr/> 125 | <hr/> — | <hr/> 49 | <hr/> 5 |

HOUSING ACTS, 1936 TO 1957

Table 2 (Housing Statistics), given below, indicate the details making up the Council's five-year programme in connection with the unfit houses throughout the district. This is the programme which was considered by a special Sub-committee of the Public Health and Housing Committees in October, 1954.

| PARISH | Original Survey Total | No. in confirmed orders not rehoused | Already dealt with | Remaining to be rep- resented | Total to be rehoused |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Aberford | 65 | — | 5 | 60 | 60 |
| Acaster Malbis | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Acaster Selby | 1 | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| Appleton Roebuck | 1 | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| Askham Bryan | 15 | — | 2 | 13 | 13 |
| Askham Richard | 1 | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| Austhorpe | 6 | — | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Barkston Ash | 21 | 2 | 13 | 6 | 8 |
| Barwick-in-Elmet | 31 | — | 11 | 20 | 20 |
| Biggin | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Bilbrough | 7 | — | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Bishopthorpe | 14 | — | 5 | 9 | 9 |
| Bolton Percy | 3 | — | — | 3 | 3 |
| Catterton | — | — | — | — | — |
| Colton | 5 | — | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Copmanthorpe | 14 | — | 1 | 13 | 13 |
| East Tadcaster | 59 | — | 3 | 56 | 56 |
| Grimston | — | — | — | — | — |
| Healaugh | 6 | — | — | 6 | 6 |
| Huddleston-with-Newthorpe | 1 | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| Great and Little Preston ... | 195 | 84 | 50 | 61 | 145 |
| Kirk Fenton | 18 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 14 |
| Kirkby Wharfe | 1 | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| Lead | — | — | — | — | — |
| Little Fenton | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 1 |
| Ledsham | 13 | 1 | — | 12 | 13 |
| Ledston | 8 | — | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| Lotherton-cum-Aberford ... | 17 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 10 |
| Micklefield | 21 | — | — | 21 | 21 |
| Newton Kyme | — | — | — | — | — |
| Oxton | — | — | — | — | — |
| Parlington | — | — | — | — | — |
| Ryther-cum-Ozendyke ... | 8 | — | — | 8 | 8 |
| Saxton-cum-Scarthingwell .. | 16 | 9 | 7 | — | 9 |
| Sherburn-in-Elmet | 15 | 3 | — | 12 | 15 |
| South Milford | 11 | — | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Steeton | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sturton Grange | — | — | — | — | — |
| Stutton-cum-Hazlewood ... | 23 | — | 2 | 21 | 21 |
| Swillington | 22 | — | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Towton | 3 | — | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Ulleskelf | 13 | — | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| West Tadcaster | 103 | — | 2 | 101 | 101 |
| | <u>752</u> | <u>114</u> | <u>140</u> | <u>499</u> | <u>613</u> |

At the end of the year there were approximately 30 houses to be surveyed in detail with a view to representations being made to the Council.

Table 3 (Housing Statistics) given below indicates in Parish order the details concerning the Representation of Individual Unfit Houses during the year. An Individual Unfit house is represented because it is unfit and considered not to be capable of being rendered fit at a reasonable cost.

The owner of any such unfit house is given the opportunity of appearing before the appropriate Committee of the Council with a view to stating his case regarding the future user of the house, and if he does not make any offer regarding its future user, the Council are obliged to make the necessary Demolition Order.

The table also shows the total number of houses demolished during the year, and those houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted, arising out of previous action by the Council.

| Parish | | | | No. of Representations | Demolition Orders Made | Under- takings Accepted | Houses Demolished |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Aberford | ... | ... | ... | — | 3 | — | — |
| Acaster Malbis | ... | ... | ... | — | 1 | — | 1 |
| Barkston Ash | ... | ... | ... | 1 | — | — | — |
| Barwick-in-Elmet | ... | ... | ... | 4 | — | 4 | — |
| Biggin | ... | ... | ... | 1 | — | — | — |
| Copmanthorpe | ... | ... | ... | — | — | 4 | — |
| East Tadcaster | ... | ... | ... | — | 2 | — | 1 |
| Great and Little Preston | ... | ... | ... | 3 | — | — | 36 |
| Healaugh | ... | ... | ... | 6 | — | — | — |
| Kirk Fenton | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 3 | — | 1 |
| Sherburn-in-Elmet | ... | ... | ... | — | — | — | 3 |
| Stutton-cum-Hazlewood | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 5 | — | — |
| Swillington | ... | ... | ... | 1 | — | — | — |
| Ulleskelf | ... | ... | ... | 2 | — | — | — |
| West Tadcaster | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | 2 | — |
| | | | | — | — | — | — |
| | | | | 30 | 16 | 10 | 42 |
| | | | | — | — | — | — |

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PART III—CLEARANCE AREAS

The Clearance Areas represented by the Medical Officer of Health during the year are indicated on the following list:—

| Parish | No. of Areas | No. of Houses | No. of Persons |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Barkston Ash | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| East Tadcaster | 1 | 7 | 23 |
| South Milford | 1 | 9 | 22 |
| Stutton-cum-Hazlewood | 2 | 11 | 40 |
| West Tadcaster | 5 | 54 | 115 |
| | — | — | — |
| | 10 | 85 | 209 |
| | — | — | — |

During the year confirmation was received from the Minister of Housing and Local Government in respect of 4 Clearance Orders previously submitted, i.e. 1 at Aberford; 2 at Ledsham and 1 at Lotherton.

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IMPROVEMENTS AND ADAPTATIONS

The Council continued during the year its previous policy of making grants available for the improvement of existing houses, and also for the provision of additional houses from existing units of accommodation.

During the year applications in respect of 60 properties were considered and of these 55 were approved and 5 not approved.

In approved cases a grant of up to 50% of the cost of the improvement or adaptation works may be made. To qualify for a grant an applicant must spend a minimum of £100 per house, and the ceiling figure on which a grant may be paid is £800. The general standard of the improvement and adaptation work is very high, and in some of the older houses which are extensively modernised a remarkable improvement is achieved.

48 houses were improved or adapted during the year, and the following table indicates in Parish order where the work was carried out:—

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Aberford | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Askham Richard | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Barwick-in-Elmet | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Bishophthorpe | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Colton | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Copmanthorpe | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Great and Little Preston | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Ledsham | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Ledston | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Micklefield | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Newton Kyme | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Parlington | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Ryther-cum-Ozendyke | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Saxton-cum-Scarthingwell | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Sherburn-in-Elmet | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| South Milford | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Steeton | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Sturton Grange | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Stutton-cum-Hazlewood | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Swillington | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Ulleskelf | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| West Tadcaster | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| | | | | | | — |
| | | | | | | 48 |
| | | | | | | — |

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Again, no major developments took place during the year in respect of these services.

Table 1 given earlier in the report indicates those Parishes which are provided or part provided with sewerage and sewage disposal facilities, and of these, only the sewage disposal works at Askham Bryan, Bilbrough, Ledston Luck, Micklefield, Sherburn, Swillington, and Towton, can be regarded as being up to modern standards.

Neighbouring authorities afford drainage facilities in certain parts of the district. 20 new houses in the parish of Newton Kyme are drained to the Wetherby R.D.C.'s Sewage Disposal Works at Thorp Arch, and a number of properties at Great Preston and Swillington Common are drained into the sewers of the Garforth Urban District Council.

The sewerage facilities in some of the parishes listed on Table 1 are obsolete and the sewage receives tank treatment only. To overcome these obviously unsatisfactory conditions, several new schemes have been prepared by the Council's

Consultant Engineer and your own Engineer and Surveyor. The position regarding these schemes at the end of the year may be briefly described as follows :—

Appleton Roebuck, Bolton Percy and Ulleskelf—one combined scheme approved in principle in 1955. Negotiations were begun the previous year with a view to using the disposal works at Church Fenton Aerodrome, but during 1957 the Council were advised by the Minister of Housing and Local Government to defer further negotiations until such time as the government's needs by way of service establishments is decided.

Barkston Ash, Saxton and Church Fenton—one combined scheme. This scheme was approved some years ago but commencement is still deferred owing to the restriction on capital expenditure.

Bishopthorpe and Copmanthorpe—one combined scheme to pump the sewage into the works of the York Corporation at Naburn. This scheme was approved several years ago, and the Minister approved a tender during the year; the work is expected to commence during 1958.

Barwick—one combined scheme to provide a complete new works and certain new sewers to replace the three old and inadequate works at Barwick village, Scholes and Arthursdale. This scheme is approved but a starting date is still awaited.

Ledsham—one new scheme to provide sewers and disposal works for the village. This scheme is also approved but a starting date awaited.

Tadcaster and Stutton—one combined scheme to provide new works and certain new sewers in the town of Tadcaster, and for part of Stutton. It is expected that this scheme will go to Tender in 1958.

Sherburn and South Milford—a joint scheme is to be prepared by the Council's Engineer and Surveyor, who is also to prepare schemes for Askham Richard, Colton, Healaugh and Newthorpe. Some of the smaller or remote parishes and villages still lack sewerage facilities, but the possibility or likelihood of them being sewered is very remote.

PRIVY REPLACEMENTS

The number of privies and pail closets in the district continues to decline steadily, and in 1957 a total of 115 of these insanitary amenities was replaced. The Council have again made provision in the Annual Estimates to make grants available for this work.

Owing to inadequate sewerage facilities in some parts of the District, owners are not being pressed to carry out replacements, but when some of the new sewerage schemes are completed it is hoped that substantial progress can be made with further replacements.

At the present time, replacements are carried out in three ways, viz:—

- (a) By the service of Statutory Notices under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936; the Council being required under the terms of the notice to pay one half of the cost of the work reasonably incurred. A notice under this Section may be served only if the building has a sufficient water supply and sewer available.
- (b) By owners voluntarily carrying out the work, in which case the Council make a grant towards the cost. At the present time the grant is £14 per replacement.
- (c) Where a grant is available as part of major improvements carried out under the provisions of the Housing Acts, 1949-1954.

The following list, in Parish order, indicates where the replacements were carried out during the year:—

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Aberford | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Acaster Malbis | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Askham Richard | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Barwick-in-Elmet | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Bilbrough | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Bishopthorpe | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Colton | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Copmanthorpe | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Great and Little Preston | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Huddleston-with-Newthorpe | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Kirk Fenton | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Ledsham | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Ledston | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Lotherton-cum-Aberford | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Micklefield | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 38 |
| Newton Kyme | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Parlington | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Ryther-cum-Ozendyke | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Saxton-cum-Scarthingwell | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Sherburn-in-Elmet | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| South Milford | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Steeton | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Sturton Grange | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Stutton-cum-Hazlewood | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Swillington | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Ulleskelf | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

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WATER SUPPLY

The Council's own supply at Bilbrough was discontinued during the year when the new Leeds-Tadcaster trunk main came into use in May; the plant at Bilbrough being maintained

as an emergency stand-by. It was, however, brought back into use again for the period June to November at the request of the Leeds Corporation, who were experiencing a shortage of water. The parishes served during this period were Bilbrough, Catterton, East Tadcaster, Healaugh, Oxton, and Steeton.

The Tadcaster public supply is derived from a deep well (the original Tadcaster water supply) and a deep borehole nearby, which was sunk during the war to augment the original supply.

It is a very clear water, but in its raw state it is rather hard, having a hardness figure of 22-24 deg. To overcome this, the water is treated by a softening plant to give a figure of hardness of 6-8 deg. In addition to softening, this water is chlorinated.

The water is examined bacteriologically at regular intervals, and during the year eight samples were submitted for examination, seven of them being satisfactory. One sample submitted for chemical analysis was also satisfactory.

Leeds Corporation Supply

This is an upland surface water supply, and is derived from the Corporation's reservoirs in the Washburn Valley, near Blubberhouses, and also from the Leighton reservoirs near Masham. The Council purchase this water in bulk and distribute it to the following parishes:

Aberford, Austhorpe, Barkston Ash, Barwick-in-Elmet, Bilbrough, Catterton, East Tadcaster, Great and Little Preston, Grimston, Kirk Fenton, Kirkby Wharfe, Huddleston-with-Newthorpe, Lead, Ledston, Ledsham, Little Fenton, Lotherton, Micklefield, Newton Kyme, Parlington, Ryther, Saxton, Sherburn-in-Elmet, South Milford, Sturton Grange, Stutton, Swillington, Towton, Ulleskelf, and West Tadcaster.

The water is very soft and extremely suitable for domestic use. It is filtered and chlorinated by the Corporation. In its raw state it is slightly acid in reaction and two samples were examined for plumbo-solvency, both being negative.

York Water Works Company

This is a river water supply and is derived from the River Ouse at Clifton, York. It is purchased in bulk by your Council and distributed to the following parishes:

Acaster Malbis, Acaster Selby, Appleton Roebuck, Askham Bryan, Askham Richard, Bolton Percy, Colton, and Copmanthorpe. The parish of Bishopthorpe is supplied direct by the Company, who levy their own water rate in this parish. The borehole supply at Askham Richard was discontinued during the year, and the village mains connected to the York supply mains.

It is possible, however, for the above parishes, with the

exception of Acaster Malbis and Bishopthorpe, to be supplied from the Council's own supply at Bilbrough.

The water is filtered and chlorinated by this Company and has a hardness figure of 12-14 deg.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Organisation

A new S. & D. 18 cu. yd. Fore and Aft Tipper Vehicle, fitted with a diesel engine, was put into service in the early part of the year, and this necessitated some changes in the organisation, the district still being divided into seven areas, leaving the old 'Dennis' vehicle as a stand-by for use when other vehicles were off the road. The transfer of certain parts of the district to Leeds and York also involved a small amount of re-organisation. The areas are:

| | |
|--|--|
| Ainsty (12 parishes or part parishes) | Dennis 7 cu. yd. Vehicle and three men. |
| Tadcaster, including part of Ainsty (8 parishes or part parishes). | S. & D. 18 cu. yd. Fore and Aft Tipper and four men. This vehicle is engaged solely on the emptying of dust bins. |
| Barwick (2 parishes and 1 part parish). | Dennis 7 cu. yd. Vehicle and three men. |
| Aberford and Mickelfield (5 parishes and 1 part parish). | Dennis 7 cu. yd. Vehicle and three men. |
| Sherburn and South Milford (3 parishes). | Dennis 10 cu. yd. Vehicle and three men; later in the year superseded by S. & D. Fore and Aft Tipper with an extra man. This vehicle is engaged solely on the emptying of dust bins. |
| Great Preston and Swillington (4 parishes). | Dennis 7 cu. yd. Vehicle and three men, plus one man one day per week to wheel out dust bins. |
| Church Fenton (12 parishes). | Fordson 7 cu. yd. Vehicle and three men. |

House refuse is also collected from the married quarters at the Church Fenton Royal Air Force Station.

Collection Period

The period of collection varies according to the type of district, but for dust bins it is generally from seven to fourteen days. In the coal mining parts of the area the bins are emptied every seven days. The coming into operation of the second S. & D. Vehicle has improved the collection in several parts of the district and the majority of the bins are now emptied at

least once in nine days. Pail closets are emptied weekly and ashpits from four to eight weeks wherever possible.

No serious hold-up in the service was encountered during the year, but delays do arise during the holiday period and also when men are absent due to illness and accidents, etc.

The full labour force of 24 men was maintained during the year, and the Joint Industrial Council's conditions of service, etc., are still in force.

Disposal

The refuse is disposed of by means of tipping at various tips throughout the district, but a small amount of night soil is sometimes tipped on agricultural land. The tips are situated at Barwick, Aberford, East Tadcaster, Micklegate, Scarthingwell, and Sherburn, and the use of the Garforth Urban District Council's tip at Brierlands, East Garforth, was continued throughout the year.

No serious trouble in the disposal of the refuse was encountered during the year.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Meat Inspection

Sherburn Bacon Factory

During the year your Public Health Inspectors made 308 visits to the Factory for the purpose of Meat Inspection. Only 11½ hours overtime were worked during the year.

The following is a summary of the number of pigs killed, together with the amount of meat condemned:—

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Number of pigs killed . . | 92,173 |
| Condemned | 107 Whole Carcases |
| | 143 Part Carcases |
| | 3,655 Heads |
| | 2,384 Plucks |
| | 5,414 Guts |

The number of pigs killed shows an increase over the figure for the previous year, and there were indications that the figure might rise considerably in 1958.

Private Slaughterhouses

During the year 926 visits were made to slaughterhouses and shops for meat inspection, and 7 hours overtime were worked. The following is a summary of the number of animals killed, together with the estimated weight of meat condemned:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 650 | Bullocks. |
| 198 | Heifers. |
| 1 | Cow. |
| 29 | Calves. |
| 1,184 | Sheep. |
| 547 | Pigs. |
| Estimated weight condemned—16 cwts. | |

At the present time there are 10 licensed private slaughter-houses in the district.

Sixteen emergency slaughters were notified to the department and the carcasses and organs of 12 sheep, 5 pigs and 2 calves were inspected. The carcasses and organs of 7 sheep and 3 pigs were condemned, the others being passed as fit for food.

General

Nine visits were made in connection with the inspection of miscellaneous foods, and the following were condemned :

- 1—12lb. Tin of Ham.
- 1—10lb. Tin of Tongue.
- 1— 8lb. Tin of Biscuits.
- 14 Tins Miscellaneous Food.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

I give below some details of the various premises and the work in connection with them during the year :

Food Premises

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Number of Grocers' Shops | 95 |
| Number of Butchers' Shops | 24 |
| Number of Other Food Shops | 5 |

Registered Food Premises

| | |
|---|----|
| Sale of Ice Cream | 55 |
| Preparation of Sausages, Pies, etc. ... | 26 |
| Fried Fish Premises | 12 |
| Retail Milk Sellers (including producer retailers) | 87 |

Disposal of Condemned Food

This is almost entirely confined to meat which is disposed of at the Sherburn Bacon Factory By-Products Plant.

Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947-52

At the present time two premises are registered for the manufacture of Ice Cream.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Below is a list of the improvement works carried out at various premises, following the service of informal notices :

| | |
|--|---|
| Decoration | 2 |
| Structural Repairs | 2 |
| Hot and Cold Water with Sink or Wash Basin | 3 |
| Hot Water | 2 |
| W.C. Repairs and Cleaning | 1 |

GENERAL SANITATION

Abatement of Nuisances and Repairs to Dwellings, etc.

During the year 12 Statutory and 115 Informal Notices were served requiring the abatement of nuisances, the necessary repairs to houses and buildings, etc., and the provision of dust bins. Of these notices 79 were complied with and the work specified on them covered such items as roof repairs, the remedying of dampness, repairs to floors, gutters, fall pipes, windows, fireplaces, closets, etc., the cleansing of blocked drains and private sewers, the installation of sinks and internal water taps, and the provision of dust bins.

Disinfection, etc.

14 miscellaneous visits were made in connection with infectious disease, and 20 visits in connection with vermin disinfection, nine houses being disinfected.

Factories Acts

49 visits were made in connection with factories, the general standard of cleanliness being good. Three informal notices were served in respect of sanitary accommodation and cleanliness, and these were complied with.

Rent Act, 1957

This Act came into force during the second half of the year, and four applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received, three of these being granted.

Rodent Control

The Council have continued to employ a full-time Rodent Operative, but owing to illness among the refuse collection staff, a certain amount of his time was spent driving a refuse collection vehicle. During the year a total of 803 visits were made by him and the Public Health Inspectors. 163 infestations were dealt with, mainly at refuse tips, sewage disposal works, sewerage systems, and domestic and non-domestic premises. The area officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has expressed his satisfaction of the way in which this work is being carried out.

Emptying of Cesspools

The request for this service continued during the year, and altogether 114 cesspools were emptied. The service is generally appreciated by many occupiers of premises which are not served by any system of sewers. Modern machines are hired from neighbouring authorities and the work is carried out in a nuisance-free manner. A charge is still made for the service, being based on the rateable value in respect of domestic premises, but for non-domestic premises the actual time is charged.

